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Dear Mr. Kaye:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. 11 CFR §102.9(e) This general election amount should be maintained in the committee's account.

If the candidate does not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors, redesignated or reattributed in accordance with 11 CFR §§110.1(b)(5), 110.2(b)(5) or 110.1(k)(3), as appropriate. The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$1,000 per election limit. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission should disclose the refund, redesignation or reattribution of any general election contribution. Refunds, redesignations, or reattributions must be done within sixty days after the September 15, 1998 Primary Election.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free